

It is clear the H.B. 5653 will increase the already high cost of ammunition making it even more expensive for people to be proficient with their firearms. This is especially true for lower income people.

The tax imposed by H.B. 5653 would increase federal excise tax already imposed by the Pittman–Robertson Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 which imposes a 10% handgun ammo tax and 11% rifle ammo tax which is currently being distributed to the state of Connecticut. There is no need for additional taxation on ammo. This new tax would double the tax on a \$10 box of 50 rounds of 22 caliber ammo for \$1 to \$2. This is an outrageous increase.

The use of the funds collected by H.R. 5653 to “fund fund grants through the community gun violence intervention and prevention program, with the advice of the Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention” does not serve the legal firearms owners of Connecticut. These groups look to undermine article 15. of the state constitution which states “Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state”. These funds should be used to train people in the safe use of fire arms.

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